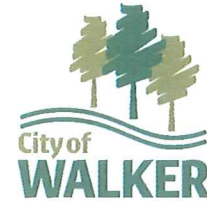


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COMMENTS:

This unified message comes from my office as the current President of the Kent County Chief's of Police Association. This correspondence serves as our continued commitment of serving our resepective community members with the professionalism, impartiality, and compassion that all citizens are entitled and deserve.

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Kent County Chiefs of Police

These are difficult times as local communities, our state and country continue to struggle with issues of race, prejudice, and discrimination - we have worked hard within our communities to hear those concerns and make positive change.

We share all communities' concerns over reports of police misconduct. We also reflect on the tragic death of George Floyd as well as others.

The actions of a single officer triggering a tragedy such as this, shatters all the hard work law enforcement professionals have done working with their communities to build trust. This also cast a bad light on the law enforcement profession, as well as implies all law enforcement are accepting of misconduct or covering it up. We can assure you this is not the case with our agencies. Holding officers accountable for their actions is not solely the responsibility of department leaders and supervisors but expected of all officers to hold themselves and their peers accountable.

We recognize and embrace the diversity in our cities and communities. As often the most visible representatives of Government, we understand that public trust of all segments of the community is critical to our ability to complete our mission. This trust is earned by impartiality and fairness in our daily policing functions and our efforts in the outreach to engage and educate the community. When we respond to a situation, or take an action involving a resident or visitor, we do so based on applicable laws and nothing else.

We acknowledge and support the efforts of police officers, elected officials, city administrators, business owners and community members who are trying to make a difference. Change begins with each of us. We all have the responsibility to constantly educate ourselves on our history, to listen to the stories of others, seek to better understand one another and work together on ways we can build unity and a just future for all.

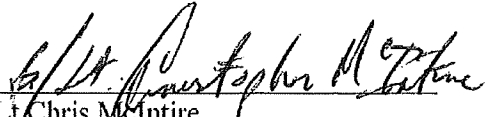
We have and continue to be committed to just and impartial policing practices.

We reassert our commitment to model and teach diversity and inclusive behavior.

The best communities are those that are welcoming to everyone and provide for the safety of all who live and visit there.

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East Grand Rapids Public Safety


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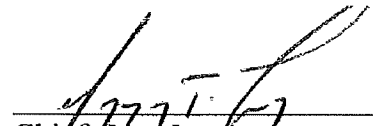
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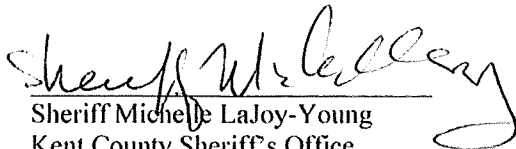
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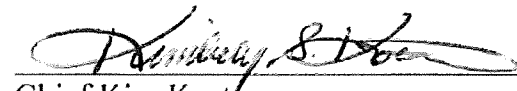
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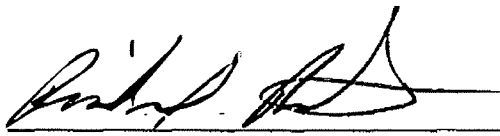

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